

Notice of Allowability	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/619,883	FUKUSHO ET AL.	
	Examiner	Art Unit	
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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS. This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. This communication is responsive to amendment filed 12/19/2006.
2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 14-26 (now renumbered 1-14).
3. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

Identifying Indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. Notice of Informal Patent Application
6. Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. Other _____.

DETAILED ACTION

Response to Amendment

The Examiner notes that the amendment to the title filed on December 19, 2006 is accepted.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 14-27 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

1. As for claim 14, the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the use of a method of making a solid-state image pickup device that provides a light receiving sensor portion which performs photoelectric conversion in a surface layer portion of a substrate, uses a plasma CVD process to provide an in-layer lens, which converges incident light to said light receiving sensor portion, in a layer above said light receiving sensor portion, uses a plasma CVD process to provide, on said in-layer lens, an antireflection film formed of material having a refractive index which is an intermediate value between the refractive index of said in-layer lens and the refractive index of a color filter that is provided over said antireflection film.
2. As for claim 23, the prior art does not teach or fairly suggest the use of a method of making a solid-state image pickup device comprising the steps of providing a light receiving sensor portion which performs photoelectric conversion in a surface layer portion of a substrate, providing an interlayer film on said light receiving sensor portion, and using a plasma CVD process to provide, on said interlayer film, both an in-layer lens and an antireflection film, wherein the in-layer lens converges incident light through

said antireflection film onto said light receiving sensor portion and the antireflection film is formed of material having a refractive index is an intermediate value between the refractive index of said in-layer lens and the refractive index of said interlayer film.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Chriss S. Yoder, III whose telephone number is (571) 272-7323. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F: 8 - 4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Vivek Srivastava can be reached on (571) 272-7304. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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